

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

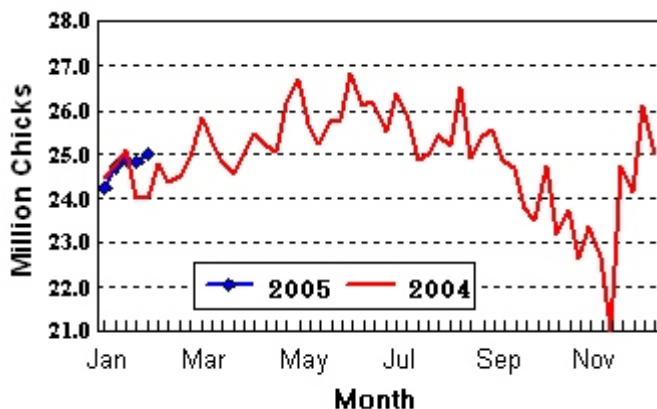
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.0 million during the week ending January 29, 2005. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and up 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.1 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.0 percent.

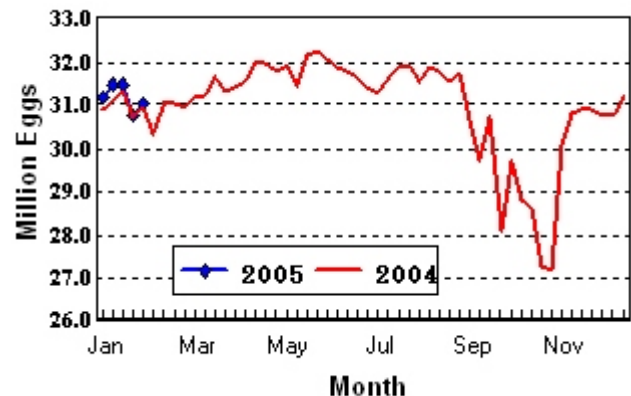
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 29, 2005, up slightly from the same period last year, and up 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003-2004	2004-2005	% Change	2003-2004	2004-2005	% Change	2003-2004	2004-2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Dec. 25	25,698	25,011	97	25,519	25,575	100	31,091	31,169	100
Jan. 1	24,497	24,256	99	25,455	25,355	100	30,893	31,195	101
Jan. 8	24,787	24,740	100	25,312	25,457	101	31,084	31,479	101
Jan. 15	25,101	24,886	99	25,677	25,873	101	31,324	31,506	101
Jan. 22	23,982	24,825	104	25,486	25,852	101	30,728	30,744	100
Jan. 29	23,910	24,988	105	25,719	26,145	102	30,944	31,023	100

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004-2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	08-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan	29-Jan		25-Dec	01-Jan	08-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan	29-Jan	
Alabama	29,217 *	29,216	29,581	29,380	101	21,363	21,191	21,737	21,279	21,188	20,900	94
ARKANSAS	31,479	31,506	30,744	31,023	100	25,011	24,256	24,740	25,886	24,825 *	24,988	105
Delaware	3,916	3,647	3,772	3,899	108	5,449	6,306	5,792	6,111	5,353	4,776	89
Florida	1,324	1,339	1,338	1,338	99	1,418	1,532	1,505	1,554	1,525	1,638	102
Georgia	33,667	33,386	32,850	33,528	101	26,858	26,900	27,303	26,776	27,148	26,891	105
Kentucky	6,963 *	7,232	7,094	6,997	108	5,903	5,837	5,717	5,471	6,085	6,009	114
Louisiana	3,997	4,014	3,984	3,984	109	3,716	3,801	4,110	3,843	3,819	4,025	110
Maryland	8,754	8,763	8,147	8,584	97	5,121	4,669	5,367	4,624	5,299	5,402	99
Mississippi	19,527	19,256	19,709	19,770	103	17,253	16,923	17,575	17,195	17,012	17,634	108
N. Carolina	17,738 *	17,657	17,830	18,143	103	14,194	14,129	14,503	14,989	14,473	14,401	101
Oklahoma	6,379 *	6,324	6,448 *	6,511	115	4,867	5,719	4,771 *	5,537	4,481	4,783	91
Pennsylvania	3,817 *	3,972 *	3,887 *	4,003	114	2,720	3,007	3,028 *	2,864 *	2,987 *	2,840	112
S. Carolina	4,875	5,341	5,068	4,956	136	4,504	3,882	4,496	4,011	4,134	3,854	92
Texas	14,949	13,672	15,226	15,187	103	12,545	12,517	12,135	12,735	12,461	12,573	104
Virginia	6,300	6,146	6,370	6,542	107	5,114	5,248	4,718	5,252	5,660	5,703	120
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,374	17,885	18,532 *	17,457	103	16,057	16,530	16,060	15,718	16,207 *	15,196	99
Total 2004-2005	210,276 *	209,356 *	210,580 *	211,302		172,093	172,447	173,557 *	173,845 *	172,657 *	171,613	
Total 2003-2004	206,529	206,764	205,540	204,460		168,199	168,268	166,769	166,529	165,515	168,098	
%Prev. Year	102	101	102	103		102	102	104	104	104	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						12-Feb	19-Feb	26-Feb	05-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 211 million eggs during the week ending January 29, 2005. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 29, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through January 29, 2005 were 693 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.